

H. R. 399.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FEBRUARY 5, 1827.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

AN ACT

To amend an act entitled "An act for the better regulation of the Ordnance Department," approved February 8, 1815.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*
3 *from and after the passage of this act, the Ordnance Depart-*
4 *ment shall consist of one Colonel, two Majors and ten Cap-*
5 *tains, to be appointed from the Regiments of Artillery ; and*
6 *that the number of enlisted men of the Ordnance Depart-*
7 *ment shall be limited to two hundred and fifty.*

1 *SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of*
2 *the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to select,*
3 *from the Regiments of Artillery, as many Lieutenants as the*
4 *Ordnance Service may require, who, while on Ordnance Ser-*
5 *vice, shall receive the pay and emoluments now received by*
6 *Ordnance Officers of the same grade.*

1 *SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all letters and*
2 *packets, to and from the Colonel of Ordnance, which relate to*
3 *the official duties of the Ordnance Department, shall be free*
4 *from postage.*

1 **SEC. 4.** *And be it further enacted,* That the officers and
2 men authorized by this act, shall be subject to the **Rules and**
3 **Articles of War.**

1 **SEC. 5.** *And be it further enacted,* That the first section
2 of the act hereby amended, and the fourth section of the act
3 to reduce and fix the **Military Peace Establishment** of the
4 **United States**, approved **March second**, eighteen hundred and
5 twenty-one, and such part of any other sections of the same
6 acts, as comes within the purview of any of the sections of
7 this act, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

February 2d, 1827.

Passed the House of Representatives.

Attest: M. ST. CLAIR CLARKE, C. H. R.